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"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (MATTHEW 16 : 15-16).

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NINETY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THE Ninety-fifth semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, Friday, October 3rd, the opening session at 10 a.m. President Heber J. Grant presided and conducted.

The usual seating arrangements were observed, sections being reserved for the various organizations of the Priesthood, for general officers of the auxiliary organizations and for mission presidents. On the top pulpit was set a radio microphone to broadcast the sermons abroad to be picked up by receiving sets far and near. This was in addition to the big amplifier hanging from the ceiling and connected with the instrument on each of the two upper pulpits.

The absence of President Charles W. Penrose at the opening session was noticeable. A slight indisposition kept him at home. Of the general authorities there were present: President Heber J. Grant and President Anthony W. Ivins of the First Presidency; President Rudger Clawson and Elders Reed Smoot, George Albert Smith, George F. Richards, Orson F. Whitney, Joseph Fielding Smith, James E. Talmage, Stephen L. Richards, Melvin J. Ballard and John A. Widtsoe of the Council of Twelve; Presiding Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith; Presidents Seymour B. Young, Brigham H. Roberts, Jonathan G. Kimball, Rulon S. Wells, Joseph W. McMurrin and Charles H. Hart of the first Seven Presidents of Seventy; and Bishop Charles W. Nibley and his counselors David A. Smith and John Wells of the Presiding Bishopric. This accounts for all the general authorities except Elders David O. McKay who was in Europe presiding over the European mission, Richard R. Lyman, who was in Seattle, making a survey for the government reclamation bureau, and Levi Edgar Young, who was attending school at Columbia university.

The opening hymn was, "Come, Come Ye Saints." Elder Adam S. Bennion offered the invocation. The second musical number was a solo by Jessie Evans, "Open the Temple Gates."

In his opening address, President Grant greeted the Saints and expressed joy at again meeting with them in general conference. He called attention to the radio set and said it had been estimated that one million persons could hear the proceedings of this general conference, providing they "listened in." He spoke of the wonder of the radio and said he rejoices in all great blessings.

President Grant read from a revelation given through the Prophet Joseph Smith to the prophet's father, wherein it was said that a marvelous work and a wonder was about to be brought forth, admonishing the people to seek the Lord. This, said President Grant, he wished to impress upon the conference gathering. If there is any one special message, he said, that he desired to give the Church in conference assembled, it is: "Seek the Lord and serve Him with all your might, mind and strength."

President Grant referred to a trip he made soon after the last general conference to various mission fields in the United States and Canada. He said he is pleased to report that the work is progressing, that the Elders and the lady missionaries are working faithfully and diligently. He said he played a game of golf near Kansas City on land once owned by General Doniphan, the courageous friend who once saved the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith by the stand he took against mob law.

President Grant referred to the visit of President Anthony W. Ivins to the Hawaiian islands, and of the progress there. Reading from a prepared report, and commenting, he told of the appointment of Elder James E. Talmage to succeed Elder David O. McKay as president of the European mission, of the purchase of a site for a chapel in Washington D.C., of a long-time lease on farm land in the Tongan mission, of a monument to be erected to the memory of Martin Harris in Clarkston, where he is buried, of the completion of the improvements to the Salt Lake temple and of the decision to erect a monument on the Temple square to the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon (perhaps the Eight Witnesses as well, he added).

He told of increased attendance at meetings, of the support of Church institutions, of the support of the foreign language newspapers sponsored by the Church, of newly organized stakes and wards, of the death of President Andrew Kimball of the St. Joseph stake, of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth C. McCune, who, with her husband, had given their mansion to the Church, and of the changing of the name of the institution since the death of Mrs. McCune from the L. D. S. School of Music to the McCune School of Music and Art.

The two revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith that

impress him most, said President Grant, are the ones known as the "Vision" and "Prayer and Prophecy."

The first named revelation, said President Grant, was given as a new witness for God. When the Eternal Father and His Son visited Joseph Smith and spoke to him, it removed all doubt that Jesus is the Christ, for He was introduced to the Prophet by the Father Himself, said President Grant. There can be no doubt in the mind and heart of any Latter-day Saint, he continued, that Jesus is the Christ.

The revelation known as "Prayer and Prophecy," said President Grant, removes all doubt that God can and will reveal His mind when essential or desirable, even though His servant be in chains and in the bondage of the enemy.

President Grant bore testimony to the great work of the Lord, citing the blessings that have come to the Lord's people in contrast to the deprivation of blessings in the region from which they were driven. He read extensively from the revelation mentioned and commented on the outstanding statements and promises. This, he said, he wishes to commend to the Latter-day Saints.

With a blessing pronounced upon the Lord's people, on all honest and patriotic people everywhere, on all who hold authority among men, upon all mankind, and with a fervent testimony of the divinity of the Gospel and an exhortation to the Saints to live close to the Lord, President Grant concluded his address.

The second speaker was Elder John A. Widtsoe. He told of his joy at being present. He said he had seen recently in a widely circulated publication the statement that what the world needs to-day is a "dose of Voltaire," meaning, as Elder Widtsoe said he assumes, a "dose of atheism." He said he marvels at that statement. Citing marvelous inventions of the age, he said that despite the great power of science, if man were to deny God, if the world were to drift entirely to atheism, man would be left to the mercy of these great agencies only. It is mysterious to him, said Elder Widtsoe, how men say in this great age that God created the world out of nothing.

Even the arguments of the "modernists," he said, can not suffice for true faith in God. But, he said, there is something to be said for the "modernist"—he has broken away from the old tradition that God made the material world out of nothing.

Among the great doctrines given by the Prophet Joseph Smith, none is more important, said Elder Widtsoe, than the conception of God, that He is a personal God and of His relation to mankind. The truths are filtering in among mankind's best thinkers, said Elder Widtsoe, and the time must and will come when there shall be a unity of the faith. He voiced the prayer that God will continue to bless His people and His great work and cause.

Presiding Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith was the next speaker.

He said he was especially impressed with the thought couched in the revelation read by President Grant, and he commented on the particular part wherein the Saints are importuned to remember faith, prayer and diligence.

The implied thought is there, he said, that no person can receive the blessings of the Lord without being honest. No better advice could be given a people, said Elder Smith.

He spoke of visiting in the various stakes of the Church and said that although this has been a hard year owing to the excessive drought, the Lord has blessed His people and has seen them through without dire suffering or hardship.

For this, he said he is grateful, and for himself and for the people of the Lord, he does thank his Heavenly Father. He bore testimony of the divinity of the Gospel and exhorted the Saints to live its principles and thus claim the great blessings that will come. In his official capacity as presiding patriarch, he pronounced the blessing of God the Eternal Father upon the Church, upon the members thereof and upon the work of the Lord

Elder Orson F. Whitney, the next speaker, said six hundred years before the coming forth of the Savior, a prophet of God foresaw the coming forth of a marvelous work and a wonder. The angel Moroni, when he appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith spoke of the words of Isaiah, identifying that "marvelous work and a wonder," with what the world to-day calls "Mormonism," said Elder Whitney.

What could be more marvelous, he asked than the coming forth of this great work, than the coming of angels to restore the Gospel, to restore the authority and keys of the kingdom, the coming of Moses to deliver the keys of the gathering of Israel, the coming of Elias and Elijah, the coming of heavenly visitors to restore the Gospel and all its keys—what could be more marvelous! And yet the world passes it by, he said.

Horace Greeley, after visiting Utah, said Elder Whitney, praised the "Mormons" for their industry and honesty and yet he said not a word of the glories of the Gospel. Another scholar, said the speaker, told him the "Mormons" are ignoramuses. "You do not know the strength of your own position," the scholar said. "The only other great power is Catholicism and the issue will be between these two," the scholar continued.

Elder Whitney told of the expressions of other learned men and their attempts to explain away Joseph Smith and "Mormonism." It challenges the learned of the world, he said, it incites them to explanation of this wonderful scheme, this wonderful plan. The marvelous work can only be comprehended and explained in one way—by the spirit of God, he testified.

No credit is due the Latter-day Saints for any more natural intelligence than others, but by the spirit of the Lord they see and comprehend the things of God, said the speaker.

Elder Whitney said that the interpretation of the passage: "no man hath seen God at any time" in contradistinction of the claim of the Latter-day Saints that Joseph Smith saw God, is that no man hath or can see God with his natural eyes. The glory of God must come upon a man, he said, before he can see God and then with his spiritual eyes can he behold God, the Eternal Father, if so be it that God has chosen to reveal Himself.

Elder Whitney bore fervent testimony of the Gospel and exhorted the Saints to live its principles.

The closing song was, "Do What is Right." The benediction was pronounced by President Byron O. Colton of Roosevelt stake.

(TO BE CONTINUED).

THE BLESSINGS OF FAITH.*

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT.

PERHAPS there is nothing in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that has made a more profound impression upon those who have embraced the Gospel and for which they are more grateful than the opportunity to enter into the temples and perform ordinances for those who have died without a knowledge of the Gospel. According to the revelations of the Lord through the Prophet Joseph Smith in our day, these ordinances are necessary for the living and for the dead. For this reason temples have been erected by the Latter-day Saints in Kirtland, Ohio, in Nauvoo, Illinois, in Salt Lake City and in other places in the State of Utah, also in Canada and Hawaii; and at present, we are erecting a temple in Arizona which we hope to have finished in the near future. We are indeed grateful for this part of the Gospel.

In this connection, I call to mind a conversation with the late President Daniel H. Wells, who was one of the presidency of the Church in the days of Brigham Young and who was subsequently president of the Manti temple. I learned from him that before he became a member of the Church, he felt as though the Gospel was lacking in something, and not entirely satisfying. At that time, the ordinances for the dead had not been revealed. He was a man who had a profound respect and love for his ancestors. He was very much interested in those who had died; and until the Prophet received the word of the Lord regarding baptism for the dead, and the privilege was granted him to labor for the salvation of his loved ones who had passed away, he was not thoroughly converted to the Gospel.

To him this had been the one thing lacking. If there was any

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one man of my acquaintance who took delight in laboring, and in inspiring others to labor in the temples, for the salvation of their kindred, that man was the late President Daniel H. Wells. I rejoice in the very wonderful blessings that came to him, and the joy and happiness of his declining years, in laboring as president of the Manti temple. He was a man of wonderful faith. He acknowledged the hand of God in saving his life once when he went down to Arizona and crossed the Colorado river.

On that occasion, Elder Romndy, an expert swimmer, was drowned, but Daniel H. Wells, who was not an expert swimmer, was preserved of the Lord to go through the water and to come out of that accident without being injured.

Returning from that very remarkable trip, and after all the company over which he presided had landed safely on the Utah side of the Colorado river, he looked around and said to a young man: "Come with me, young man." (He was one of the men who had gone from St. George to assist in bringing the people over the river). With this young man, President Wells went up into the mountains, away from the rest of the company, and knelt down and prayed. That young man was Anthony W. Ivins, now one of the Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has told me that never in his life did he feel a man have such wonderful power and be so near to the Lord as Brother Wells was upon that occasion as he thanked the Lord for his safe return and for the Gospel with all of its wonderful ordinances and blessings.

I have always believed in my heart that the inspiration came to Brother Wells at that time that some day this young man, then practically unknown in the Church, would be one of the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I rejoice in the opportunities we have to enter the temples of the Lord, and for the inspiration of His spirit that comes to us upon many occasions while engaged in this ordinance work, as also in our prayer circles and other labors in which we participate. I rejoice in a wonderful blessing that came to me personally in the temple that stands upon this block. The presiding council had just decided and voted to send Brother Ivins to Mexico, to preside over the colonies in that far-off land. He is my only living blood relative in the Church, on my mother's side, and at that time I was in partnership with him. His parents were then over eighty years of age. I was decidedly in favor of sending him, but Brother George Q. Cannon had remarked that his judgment was opposed to sending Brother Ivins, yet he believed the Lord desired him to be in that country, and therefore, he surrendered his own will and judgment in favor of his going. As I was contemplating the fact that in all probability, he might not even see his parents again, and thinking of the dissolution of our partnership and of our separation for most

of the time, and that perhaps he might live and die there—as I contemplated these things, the inspiration came to me as perfectly as though a voice had spoken it: "You need not feel badly about his going to Mexico; he is going where the Lord Almighty desires him to go. There is a labor for him to perform in that land. He will return, and you will have the joy of sitting here in this room, in the temple, with him as one of the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I never mentioned that fact to a living soul until, in the providence of the Lord, President Joseph F. Smith requested a vote from the brethren on this stand at a general conference as to whether they could approve of Brother Ivins to fill a vacancy in the Quorum of the Twelve. Upon that occasion, I had to turn my head so that the brethren with whom I was associated might not see the tears of joy that flowed freely from my eyes, for the Lord had manifested to me in this house of God that my cousin should return from Mexico and be one of the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I rejoice in the revelations of God to the Prophet Joseph Smith. I rejoice in the wonderful inspiration of God to him. The plan revealed through him reaches back into the ages that have gone before, and forward into the ages to come, for the salvation of the children of God.

May the Lord God Almighty bless those of us who have received a testimony of the divinity of this work in which we are engaged, and may we so order our lives that we may be as bright and shining lights to inspire others, because of our faithfulness, our diligence, our devotion to God, that they may seek for the light and knowledge of the Gospel, that they too may have the privilege of knowing Him; that they may know we have the truth and be willing to embrace it, is my prayer, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FAMILY.

The family is like a book—
The children are the leaves,
The parents are the covers
That protecting beauty gives.

At first the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair,
But Time soon writeth memories
And painteth pictures there.

Love is the little golden clasp
That bindeth up the trust;
Oh, break it not, lest all the leaves
Should scatter and be lost!

—Anon.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

DAVID O. MCKAY, Editor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1924.

EDITORIAL:

ANNOUNCEMENT AND WELCOME.

ELDER JAMES E. TALMAGE, with his wife, son and daughter, is now en route to Liverpool, where upon his arrival, November 1st, he will assume the responsibility of the Presidency of the European mission. Officers and members of branches in all the missions join with the Elders in extending to Elder Talmage and to the members of his family who accompany him a most hearty and cordial welcome. If Brother and Sister Talmage realize but half the good wishes of the many thousand hearts who greet them, happy indeed and eminently successful will be their next few years in Europe.

By natural gifts, as well as by experience and educational achievements, Elder Talmage is eminently fitted for the important position to which he has been appointed. He is coming to the land of his birth and of his childhood. His ancestral ties, as those of scores of thousands of others in the Church, link him with the people among whom he will directly labor. With all good achievements of the British nation and with its worthy aspirations his heart beats in unison. He understands the people—their history, their manner of thinking, their views of life, their mode of living in town as well as in country; he knows their literature, their religion, their conservatism, their self-sufficiency and their prejudice. With this viewpoint in mind at the ontset, with a fluency of speech seldom excelled, and with a power of the pen that has won him renown as a gifted writer and author, Elder Talmage enters upon his missionary duties under most favorable auspices. His coming gives great promise to the progress of the work of the Church in Europe.

His membership in the Royal Geological Society, in the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and his close association with other educational organizations in Great Britain should give him a prestige among a class of people who can shape public opinion, and whose influence should go far in counteracting a bitter prejudice that owes its existence to ignorance and suspicion.

With these advantages and qualifications, Elder Talmage associates an indefatigable energy. In the performance of every duty, he is prompt and painstaking. Throughout his entire life, he and hard work have been constant companions. He has

reaped the rich reward of earnest endeavor. Of him, and his work, the following lines might well have been written:

"Let me but do my work from day to day;

. . . . .

Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way.
Then shall I see it not too great or small,
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best."

As I pen this brief announcement and welcome, memories crowd forward of past associations with Dr. Talmage, among them the school days of thirty years ago, when he was president of the University of Utah, and also experiences of the mission field twenty-five years ago when as lecturer on "Utah and the 'Mormons'" he won the applause of several hundred people, though they had waited somewhat impatiently for nearly two hours because of a delayed train. Elders in Scotland wrote the triumph of that night "in red letters" in their diaries. I mention it here, not only as a pleasant memory, but also as information to readers of the *Star*, that missionary work is no new feature in Elder Talmage's life. For many years he has had more or less experience in a number of missions.

As our teacher, our friend, our fellow councilman, our esteemed associate in this great latter-day work, we bid Elder Talmage and his beloved wife welcome to the European mission. May the inspiration of the Holy Spirit be his constant companion and guide, that his labors as an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ may continue to be the means of bringing many to the knowledge of the Gospel.

DAVID O. MCKAY.

DR. JAMES E. TALMAGE, THE NEW EUROPEAN MISSION PRESIDENT.

IT has frequently been charged that a man rich in worldly erudition can not at the same time be a firm believer in any religion extant in the world to-day. Volumes have been written showing that a reconciliation between science and religion is untenable; the oft-quoted phrase, "religion and science will not mix," exemplifies the failure many men have met in trying to be

scientists and believers at the same time. However, in Elder James E. Talmage, who succeeds Elder David O. McKay as President of the European mission, we find that rare exception of a man who stands a peer in the realm of science, yet who at the same time is a humble believer and fearless champion of the Lord Jesus Christ and His teachings.

Elder Talmage's life has been a gradual development of the man as a scientist and the man who, first as a youth, *believed* with sufficient ardor to forsake the land of his childhood and essay a one thousand mile journey across a pitiless prairie to a people derided and sneered at by the world, and later whose faith grew with the years until now he stands as a witness to all the world that Christ has risen and that He lives!

When the light of day dawned on September 21, 1862, the present Elder and Doctor made his humble beginning in Hungerford, Berkshire, England. He lived as the English youths of his community lived, with the exception that he accepted the Gospel and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At the age of fourteen he went to Utah, there to begin in earnest his career that has carried him to the top in the religious as well as the educational field.

He was a student and later an instructor in the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah between 1876 and 1882. He attended Lehigh University in 1882-3, and later received from that institution the degree of Bachelor of Science. During 1883-4, he was a special student engaged in research work at John Hopkins University. In 1896, he took the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Illinois Wesleyan University for non-resident work. In 1912, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Lehigh University. On June 2nd, 1922, first the Brigham Young University and four days later, the University of Utah conferred upon him their highest honors—that of Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Talmage was associated with the Brigham Young University from 1884 to 1888 as professor of chemistry and geology. From 1888 to 1893, he was president of the Latter-day Saints' College in Salt Lake City, Utah. He succeeded the late Dr. John R. Park in the presidency of the University of Utah in 1894, and at the same time became the Deseret professor of geology. He served at the head of Utah's highest institution of learning until 1897, when he resigned the presidency but retained his chair of geology until 1907. Dr. Talmage was a consulting and mining engineer many years, and from 1891 to 1919, he served as director of the Deseret Museum.

He is the author of many books on science and theology. Among those of the latter class are "Articles of Faith," "Jesus the Christ," "The Vitality of Mormonism," "The Great Apostacy" and "The Story of Mormonism." He is a fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, Great Britain; the Royal Scottish Geo-

graphical Society; the Geological Societies of Great Britain and America; the Royal Society of Edinburgh; and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also a member of the Philosophical Society of Great Britain.

In December, 1911, Elder Talmage was ordained one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by the late President Joseph F. Smith. Since that time, his life has been devoted entirely to the duties incident to his high and important calling. He has visited many of the missions of the Church both in the United States and in Europe, and has eminently qualified himself for the new responsibilities he has now been called upon to assume as President of the European mission. This office will provide him with further opportunities for exercising his well and wisely cultivated talents and natural gifts.

MINUTES OF THE FREE STATE CONFERENCE.

THE Free State semi-annual conference was held at Dublin, Sunday, the 12th inst. There were in attendance: Elders G. Martin Hopfenbeck and Harvey H. Glade from Liverpool, President Marcellus R. Clark and Elder George A. Baker of the Ulster conference, President Benjamin R. Birchall and Elders Milford M. Mills and Elmer H. Lloyd of the Free State conference and many Saints and friends. Elder Hopfenbeck presided over and President Birchall conducted the various sessions.

The first session commenced at 11 a.m. The stand was appropriately decorated with a large variety of flowers, furnished by Sister Benjamin R. Birchall. Brother Christian Steele, Jr., presided at the organ. The opening song was, "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire." Brother Herman Horlacher offered the invocation. The sacramental hymn was, "Again We Meet Around the Board." The sacrament gem was repeated by Brother Fred Beulah. The sacrament was administered by Elders Milford M. Mills and George A. Baker. The concert recitation was repeated by Brother Fred Beulah.

President Birchall welcomed those present and gave a brief report of the condition of the conference.

An appropriate and interesting program was rendered by the Sunday-school pupils. Those taking part were: Gilbert Retz, Fred, Eileen and Ernie Herterich, George and Harold Mogerley and Kathleen and Fred Horlacher.

Sister Gertrude Horlacher rendered a vocal solo, "My Father Knows."

Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck, the first speaker, carried the best wishes of President and Sister McKay to the Saints of the Free State conference. Elder Hopfenbeck complimented the children

upon the parts they had rendered. He asked them what they wished their little brothers to become. In commenting upon the answers given by the children, the speaker said that clean, pure living and service to one's neighbor will make for a true Latter-day Saint. Elder Hopfenbeck showed, by relating the parable of the good Samaritan, that the Gospel teaches to love God and man.

Elder Harvey H. Glade directed his remarks to the children, showing what may be achieved by the power of faith. By relating the experiences of Peter, Elder Glade showed the difference between strong and weak faith. He exhorted the children to follow the example of their parents, that they might not slip.

The closing hymn was, "Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel." Brother George Herterich pronounced the benediction.

The second session commenced at 3 p.m. by the congregation's singing, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Prayer was offered by Brother Henry Mogerley. The second hymn was, "O My Father."

The general, the mission and the conference authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Milford M. Mills, the first speaker, discoursed on the necessity of revelation. He showed that the mission of the Holy Ghost is to reveal the things of God.

Brother Christian Steele, Sr., told of his interesting experiences while visiting in South Africa. He said that he found the same Gospel spirit prevailing wherever he found a branch of the Church.

Elder George A. Baker sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go, Dear Lord."

Elder Elmer H. Lloyd showed that the word of God is a dependable support to lead men through to the straight and narrow gate.

Sisters Lizette and Bertha Beulah sang, "Lead Kindly Light."

Elder George A. Baker said that obedience is better than sacrifice. He said obedience is a divine law and that only by obedience to the Gospel will freedom come.

President Marcellus R. Clark showed that unity is strength. He said that the success of the Latter-day Saints is because of their unity. By unity, he said, they are able to withstand the outward knocks.

The closing song was, "Parting Hymn." The benediction was pronounced by Brother George Retz.

Immediately following the afternoon session, Elders Hopfenbeck and Glade met the officers and teachers of the conference. They stressed the aim of the mission for the year, exhorting the Saints to work hard during the remaining months. They counselled observance of fast day and attendance at the testimony meeting.

The final session commenced at 7 p.m., by the congregation's

singing, "Come Let Us One and All." The invocation was offered by Brother Christian Steele, Jr. The second song was, "Come Follow Me."

Elder Harvey H. Glade, the first speaker, took for his text: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Elder Glade pointed out three ways by which man might know God—through nature, by study of the Bible and through revelation. He bore a strong testimony of the restored Gospel.

Sister Ena Birchall rendered a vocal solo, "Behold 'Tis Eventide."

President Benjamin R. Birchall based his remarks upon the words of the Savior, "Come, follow me." He said the world needs rest of mind from the false doctrines of the world. President Birchall advised his hearers to have sympathy for those who criticize the work of the Lord and to try to lift the critics to a higher plane. He compared the riches of eternal life to earthly gain, exhorting the Saints to let the Gospel guide their lives.

Elder G. Martin Hopfenbeck was the concluding speaker. He pointed out several objections the outside world raises against the Latter-day Saints. After discussing them, he showed, in a forceful manner, that the Latter-day Saints accept the Scriptures at their word and that if the world would follow the teachings of Joseph Smith as they have been revealed from God, it would be a better world. Elder Hopfenbeck said spiritual growth is the aim of the Latter-day Saints.

The closing hymn was, "Lord We Ask Thee Ere We Part." The benediction was pronounced by Brother Christian Steele, Sr.

A Priesthood meeting of the traveling Elders of the conference convened at the home of President Birchall at 10:30 a.m., Monday. Each Elder reported on his labors and on the condition of the conference. Timely instructions were offered by Elders Hopfenbeck and Glade.

At the conclusion of the meeting, President Birchall and Brother Christian Steele put their automobiles at the disposal of the Elders. A pleasant drive was made through County Wicklow. Sister Birchall entertained the party to dinner at the Grand Hotel at Greystones.

This closed a happy and most inspiring conference. The work in the Free State is progressing, and the prospects for early baptisms are very encouraging.

ELMER H. LLOYD, Conference Clerk.

BY relying on our own resources, we acquire mental strength; but when we lean on others for support, we are like an invalid who, having accustomed himself to a crutch, finds it difficult to walk without one.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Harvest Festival.—A harvest social was held by the Bradford branch (Leeds conference) September 29th. A splendid program was rendered, after which games were played. A sale of fruit was held, the proceeds being turned over to the Relief Society.

Branch Reorganization.—The Derby branch (Nottingham conference) was reorganized the 19th inst. Elder Ianthus L. Richards was released as branch president and transferred to the Leicester branch. Elder Rudger C. Atkins was sustained to succeed him.

Meetings of Traveling Elders.—The Elders of the Norwich conference met at Lowestoft the 11th inst. in regular monthly Priesthood meeting, with President Arthur H. Aamodt presiding. The Elders gave very favorable reports of the progress in the various branches. President Aamodt thanked the Elders for their co-operation and support. President James D. Moyle offered suggestions for the continuance of the work during the ensuing month.

All the traveling Elders of the Hull conference met at Hull the 18th inst., in a special Priesthood meeting. The session was conducted by President Kenneth A. Brady, under the direction of Elders Rulon H. Sanders and Kenneth F. Schade of Liverpool. Each of the brethren present expressed his attitude toward his work and gave a report of his labors during the previous month.

Socials.—The Darlington branch (Newcastle conference) held a farewell social the 7th inst., in honor of Sister Frances Sanford who is leaving for Canada. The evening was spent in the enjoyment of a program and games. There were in attendance, Elders James L. Wheat, Junius S. Romney, Milton England and C. Leland Davey.

The Bristol Mutual held a successful social the 8th inst. A well-prepared program, consisting of songs, recitations and musical numbers was rendered, after which games were played and refreshments were served. President Don Clyde and Elder Albert Stanger were in attendance.

A social was held by the Mutual and the Relief Society of the Wolverhampton branch (Birmingham conference) the 9th, inst. A good program was rendered, after which games were played and refreshments were served. Elders Ellis L. Rees and George T. Harrison were in attendance.

A well-attended concert and social was given by the Relief Society of the Clayton branch (Leeds conference) the 11th inst. A sketch and many delightful songs and recitations were rendered.

A farewell social was given at Belfast, the 13th inst., in honor of Elder Ernest J. Johnson and Sister Maud E. Johnson. A large number of Saints and friends were present and enjoyed a well-

rendered program. The guests of honor were presented with tokens of remembrance by the Elders and Saints of the conference.

The Relief Society of the Leeds branch held its annual sale of work the 13th inst. A large display of work was offered for sale. During the evening, a program was rendered and refreshments were served.

The members of the Bradford branch (Leeds conference) enjoyed an evening's entertainment the 14th inst., under the direction of the Sunday-school. The program consisted of songs, recitations and games. Refreshments were served.

The Mutual of the Lowestoft branch (Norwich conference) held a farewell social for President Arthur H. Aamodt the 14th inst. A well-prepared program was rendered and refreshments were served.

An interesting and unique fancy dress social was given by the Norwich branch the 18th inst. A record number of friends and investigators were guests of the branch on this occasion. Prizes for the best costumes were awarded to Miss Ivy Brown, Miss Marie Cooper and Brother Herbert Brown.

Saturday, the 18th inst., a representation of one hundred twenty-one Saints and President Pettersson and all the Elders of the Nottingham conference enjoyed a farewell social in honor of President Selvoy J. Boyer, who has been transferred to the Norwich conference. A case of Sheffield cutlery, a pocket wallet, together with the general spirit of friendship attested the appreciation and esteem in which the efforts of President Boyer had been received. All present joined in wishing him success in his new field of labor.

The Relief Society of the Handsworth branch (Birmingham conference) held a social the 18th inst., for the purpose of raising funds. A commendable program consisting of musical selections and a one-act play was rendered and refreshments were served. In attendance were, President Joseph E. Tillotson and Elders Dan A. Hickman, David H. Newman, Morgan Hawkes, Leland Wight and Alvah N. Stout.

The annual sale of work of the Relief Society of the Halifax branch (Leeds conference) was held the 18th inst. An excellent display of work was offered for sale, a delightful program was rendered and refreshments were served.

Branch Conferences.—The semi-annual conference of the Aberdeen branch (Scottish conference) was held the 12th inst., with President Wallace R. Budge presiding. In the Sunday-school session, the children rendered a well-prepared program. The speakers of the day were President Budge and Elders Floyd A. Bailey, Jesse W. Thompson and La Moin H. Wiser. An excellent spirit prevailed throughout each session.

Branch conference was held at Hyde (Manchester conference)

the 12th inst., with President Christopher C. Heaton presiding. Superintendent Joseph Beverley and Elder Ronald D. McGregor conducted the Sunday-school and the sacrament session, respectively. Those taking part on the program of the morning were, Sisters Marion Brown, Florence Fish, Edna Andrew, Ivy Forbes, Florence Roberts and Sarah Allsop and Elder Ronald D. McGregor. The speakers of the day were President Heaton and Elders Ronald D. McGregor, Russell C. Capener and William W. Depew, Jr., and Brother Harry Jones.

The Lancaster branch conference (Liverpool conference) was held the 19th inst., at the home of Brother John Bell. President Ernest K. Freckleton presided. The speakers were President Freckleton, Brother John Belland and Elders Howard Cook and Daniel A. Thompson. A piano solo was rendered by Sister Florence Bell.

The semi-annual conference of the Clayton branch (Leeds conference) was held the 19th inst. President John E. Wahlquist presided and Elder Orlando J. Condie conducted. A well-prepared program on the theme, "The Land of Zion," was rendered by members of the Sunday-school. The speakers for the day were President Wahlquist and Elders Orlando J. Condie, John H. Tanner and Parley A. Petersen.

A branch conference was held at Kidderminster (Birmingham conference) the 19th inst. Under the direction of Brother William L. Bittins, the members of the Sunday-school presented an interesting program on the theme of "Authority." The speakers of the evening session were, President Joseph E. Tillotson, Brother Robert L. Dunn and Elders John H. Smeath, Alvah N. Stout and Joseph L. Muirbrook.

A combined branch conference and harvest festival was held by the South London branch, the 19th inst. There were present, President Emerson C. Willey and Elders John Walsh, Joseph M. Skeen, J. Norman Dotson and A. Lewis Elggren. Brother James E. Bradley conducted the meetings. In the Sunday-school session, a program was rendered by the pupils. The speakers of the day were, President Willey and Elders Skeen, Elggren and Walsh.

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